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SUBJ: EARTHQUAKE IN NORTHERN ITALY: REQEUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

1. CONSUL RACKMALES (TRIESTE) HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM OFFICE OF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DISASTER COORDINATOR AT UDINE:

1. 20,000 CHOLERA VACCINATIONS

2. 20,000 TYPHUS VACCINATIONS

3. SURGICAL MASKS AND GOVES (APPROXIMATELY 500 UNITS)

4. COMBAT RATIONS IN VIRTUALLY ANY AMOUNT AVAILABLE.

5. USE OF EARTH-MOVING EQUIPMENT AT AVIANO AIR BASE

REQUEST FOR ITEMS 1, 2, AND 3 APPARENTLY ORIGINATED WITH MEDICAL ADVISOR AT UDINE. ITEM 4 REPRESENTS ATTEMPT TO SUPPLEMENT HIGHLY LIMITED ITALIAN RESOURCES, AND REACH LARGE NUMBERS OF VICTIMS WHO HAVE NOT YET BEEN SUPPLIED WITH RATIONS.

ITEM 5 INVOLVES EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY AT AVIANO, TWO BULL-DOZERS, TEN DUMP TRUCKS AND FIVE FROMT END LOADERS. FIFTY MAN TEAM TO OPERATE WOULD BE COMPOSED OF VOLUNTEERS FROM U.S. FORCES AT AVIANO. ESTIMATED COST OF USE THIS EQUIPMENT (INCLUDING FUEL) ABOUT DLR5,000.00 PER DAY. AS THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF VILLAGERS WHERE RESCUE WORK IS NOT FAR ADVANCED, THE NEED FOR THIS EQUIPMENT IS URGENT AND CRITICAL. IT IS BELIEVED THERE MAY BE STILL SOME PEOPLE ALIVE BURIED IN THE RUBBLE.

2. PER TELEPHONE CONVERSATION AID/FDRC, EMBASSY COORDINATOR HAS AUTHORIZED DELIVERY TO ITALIAN AUTHORITIES OF 120 TENTS FROM CAP DARBY STOCKS PREVIOUSLY SHIPPED TO AVIANO. ITALIAN COORDI-NATOR AT PORDENONE SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED AND ADDITIONAL 500 TENTS. IN VIEW REPORTS LARGE NUMBERS OF SHELTERLESS VICTIMS WE BELIEVE THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE MET AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS WELL. ACCORDINGLY, HAVING OBTAINED TELEPHONIC APPROVAL FROM AID/FDRC, EMBASSY COORDINATOR HAS BEGUN PROCESS OF TURNING OVER ADDITIONAL TENTS TO ITALIAN MILITARY FOR
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TRANSPORT TO AVIANO.VOLPE

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